above mentioned consultation paper on August 4,2003 which mentions that the TRAI has also received comments that the scope of the Unified License should be extended to include services such as National Long Distance (NLD), International Long Distance (ILD), and Internet Services. The TRAI has already clarified that it is willing to consider all suggestions made in the process of consultations, and would welcome viable proposals for any such issue.

(c) and (d) The Government will consider the recommendations of TRAI whenever received.

(e) It would enable subscribers to subscribe to telecom services at a lower price because of reduction in costs due to economies of scale. It will also provide consumers a single window solution for various kinds of services.

Tele-density

2591. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI BAL KAVI BAIRAGJ:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise tele-density (per 100 person) particularly in the States of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh in the years 1991-92 and 1999-2000;

(b) whether tele-density has been very low for Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The State-wise tele-density (per 100 person) including Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh in 1991-1992 and 1999-2000 are given in Statements I and II respectively (See below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The tele-density in Madhya Pradesh has been low compared to national average, as it depends upon demand which is further dependent upon:

(i) Per capita income

(ii) Developmental activity

(iii) Business and Commercial opportunity

(iv) Literacy rate.

Statement I

State- wise Tele-density as on 31-3-1992

Name of the Circles	Overall Tele-density
Andhra Padesh	0.56
Assam	0.21
Bihar	0.15
Gujarat	1.17
Haryana	0.77
Himachal Pradesh	0.77
Jammu and Kashmir	0.40
Karnataka	0.82
Kerala	1.04
Madhya Pradesh	0.41
Maharashtra	1.50
North East	0.35
Orissa	0.25
Punjab	1.10
Rajasthan	0.41
Tamil Nadu	0.87
Uttar Pradesh	0.27
West Bengal	0.49
Delhi	6.19
ALL INDIA	0.67

Note: West Bengal includes State of Sikkim and Union Territory A&N
Kerala includes Lakshdeep
North East includes Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram, Maghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh
Tamil Nadu includes Pondicherry
Maharashtra includes Goa
Gujarat includes Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli.

Statement II

State-wise Tele-density 1999-2000

State	Tele-density
Andaman &Nicobar	6.98
Andhra Pradesh	3.17
Assam	1.06
Bihar	0.6
Gujarat	4.12
Haryana	3.21
Himachal Pradesh	4.85
Jammu& Kashmir	1.31
Karnataka	3.77
Kerala	5.77
Madhya Pradesh	1.5
Maharashtra	5.18
North East	1.68
Orissa	1.2
Punjab	5.59
Rajasthan	2.03
Tamil Nadu	4.57
Uttar Pradesh	1.32
West Bengal	2.09
Delhi	15.4
TOTAL	2.82

NOTE : West Bengal includes State of Sikkim and Union Territory A&N
Kerala indues Lakshadweep
North East includes Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh
Tamil Nadu includes Pondicherry
Maharashtra includes Goa
Gujarat includes Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli
Madhya Pradesh includes Chhattisgarh
U.P. includes Uttaranchal
Bihar includes Jharkhand.